

PRESS RELEASE



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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE WORLD OF CERAMICS: MASTERPIECES FROM THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION:

The Porcelain Connection runs from June 22 through August 15, providing background information for the special exhibition by exploring the relationships between Eastern and Western ceramics. In the 17th and 18th centuries, Dutch and English trade ships seeking silk and spices in the Far East also brought back Chinese and Japanese porcelains. Captivated by the translucent ceramic, wealthy Europeans collected it, painters included it in still lifes, and potters attempted to recreate it, often experimenting with exotic concoctions, until one of them succeeded in 1708. Organized by Marjorie Williams, assistant curator in the Department of Art History and Education, the exhibition contains eighteen porcelains, two oil paintings, and two photo murals of imperial tapestries which illustrate and explain the technological and stylistic exchanges inspired by the trade between Europe and the Orient.

PUBLIC LECTURES:

The World of Ceramics: Styles and Revivals

Jenifer Neils, Assistant Curator of Ancient Art

Wednesday, July 7, 8:00 pm

French Eighteenth-Century Ceramics

Henry Hawley, Chief Curator of Later Western Art

Wednesday, July 14, 8:00 pm

The Porcelain Connection: East and West

Marjorie Williams, Assistant Curator, Department of Art History and Education

Wednesday, July 21, 8:00 pm

Pots and Panegyrics: From Keats's Grecian Urn to James's Golden Bowl

Helen Borowitz, Associate Curator, Department of Art History and Education

Wednesday, July 28, 8:00 pm

GALLERY TALKS:

The World of Ceramics: Masterpieces from The Cleveland Museum of Art

June 30 through July 3, July 6, August 11 and 15, at 1:30 pm

The Porcelain Connection

August 4 and 8, 1:30 pm

AUDIO-VISUAL TAPES:

Tapes on both exhibitions will run throughout their showings,

Sundays, 1:30-4:30 pm, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11:30-4:00 pm
(Wednesdays until 9:30 pm).

ART FILMS:

Pots Before Words. Wednesday, July 7, 12:30, 5:30, and 7:00 pm

Pots With Pictures. Wednesday, July 14, 12:30, 5:30, and 7:00 pm

Pots in Perfect Form. Wednesday, July 21, 12:30, 5:30, and 7:00 pm